

GOV. VON TROTT IN ZONE FARE FIGHT

Will Summum Utilities Board
for Trial in Proceedings
for Impeachment.

BOYCOTT STILL PREVAILS

Disturbances Subside, People
Patronizing Trains and
Improvised Buses.

After several days of intolerable traffic conditions due to the establishment of the zone system of trolley car fares in New Jersey, Gov. Runyon took hold of the situation last night and announced that he would demand of the State Board of Public Utilities that they show cause before him why they should not be removed from office. He said that he would call upon them to appear before him sometime between September 23 and October 1.

The Governor's action followed a petition by the Montclair Board of Commissioners, who charged the members of the State Board of Public Utilities with neglect of duty and misconduct in office in connection with their approval of the new fare system.

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Rioters Stone Trolley Cars

Although four cars were stoned last night by zone rioters in East Camden, Harrington's Basin, Woodlawn and Westmont, the situation had quieted somewhat yesterday and the civil authorities were able to relieve the militia reserves and home guards at points that have been under the latter's protection.

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PORTER REPORTS ON GASOLINE CHEATING

Some Pumps Give Only Three Gallons for Five.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
ALBANY, Sept. 20.—Short measure delivered by gasoline measuring pumps causes a considerable loss daily to thousands of motorists in New York State, according to a report made public today by Commissioner Eugene H. Porter of the Division of Ponds and Marine, following a detailed survey conducted on by the Bureau of Weights and Measures in conjunction with city and county sealers.

Out of 1,100 gasoline measuring devices tested, 535 indicated shortages ranging from one-half pint to one quart on a five gallon delivery, and in a few instances sealers found shortages running from two quarts to as high as two gallons.

In a large majority of short deliveries there was no apparent intent on the part of pump owners to defraud, the report says. Rather, the shortage is ascribed to carelessness or unreliable machinery. Carelessness may be evidenced in various ways, but interest in the department on the part of the motorist will do much to establish better and more uniform service, Dr. Porter says.

To insure himself against shortage the motorist should watch the operator to see that he makes a full stroke when operating the pump. If the machine bears an indicator showing the quantity as delivered, this should be closely observed. The delivery hose should in all cases be drained since it is likely to contain from one to two quarts of gasoline.

Responsibility rests with the pump owner for maintaining his machine in a state of accuracy. In one instance investigation was made of a tourist who asserted he had received four gallons of gasoline instead of five. When the facts of the case were brought out it was found that the pump had been tampered with by a truck, yet the owner had continued its use without testing or readjustment. Other cases of neglect, the statement says, often result in an equally unfair deal for the motorist.

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Suspects Man at Farm House of Being Slayer of Constable.

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The inventive mind and literary attainments of Jordan L. Murphy in the matter of letter writing have almost saved him from the sentence of life imprisonment with which he is faced—but not quite. Harry E. Lewis, District Attorney of Kings county, yesterday told how Murphy, who is a prisoner in the Raymond street jail with a charge of being a habitual criminal hanging over him, nearly gained his freedom when he succeeded in persuading two distracted mothers in different parts of the country that he was the missing son for whom they had been seeking.

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Musican Seeks Return of \$15,185.91 He Invested.

J. Rufus Wallington, no John A. C. Peterson of 125 West Forty-fourth street, came to his abode with a scheme having to do with a West Virginia syndicate which had ninety-nine mines, all fruitful, and defrauded him of \$15,185.91, saved from his toil as a musician.

Hugh Lee Kirby was arrested yesterday at the Vanderbilt Hotel by Deputy Sheriff Murphy, but released on deposit of \$2,500 bail. According to the affidavit attached to the warrant, Kirby, who is known as "Red" Kirby, induced Peterson to buy for \$2,000 a 1 per cent interest in the syndicate on representation that the concern was preparing to organize the New River Export Coal Company. This was on January 5, 1917.

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Hold Boxing Matches

Boy, Without Hands, Puts
Punch Into Contest With
Opponent Minus a Leg.

It reflects great credit on Sam Logofsky, president of the Red Cross Institute Club, that he did such good work in the baseball match and potato race and boxing contests and basketball and other features of the club's field day at 311 Fourth avenue yesterday afternoon. Not for the reason that Sam has only one leg. He can make a home run quicker on his crutch than most men can with two good legs, and for that matter he can hit a home run quicker than most men can with two good legs.

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